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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES

FOR BELL FROM WYROUGH

----- I.

THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 11 FROM THE DEPARTMENT RESPECTING
SEPTEMBER 1975 NEGOTIATING ROUND.

----- II.

1. AMBASSADOR BUNKER MET WITH GENERAL DOLVIN ON FRIDAY
FOR ROUGHLY AN HOUR. I JOINED THEM AFTER MY SPEECH AT
THE SHOREHAM. PER AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S INSTRUCTIONS, WE
FURNISHED HIM A SET OF BRIEFING PAPERS YESTERDAY. TO-
MORROW HE WILL SEE AMBASSADOR BUNKER AGAIN, CALL ON MR.
INGERSOLL AND AMBASSADOR RYAN HERE AND MEET THE ARA/PAN
STAFF.

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2. IN HIS FRIDAY MEETING GENERAL DOLVIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S PREFERENCES CONCERNING SUCH MATTERS AS JOB TITLE, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, OFFICE LOCATION, WEARING OF UNIFORM AND STATUS AS AN OFFICER RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY VERSUS CONTINUING TO SERVE IN A RETIRED CAPACITY.

3. AMBASSADOR BUNKER WAS GENERALLY NONCOMMITTAL, SAYING THAT HE WANTED SOME FURTHER TIME TO CONSIDER THESE VARIOUS MATTERS. THE MEETING WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND RELAXED WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND GENERAL DOLVIN EMPHASIZING THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL FACILITATE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS.

4. IN DELIVERING THE PAPERS YESTERDAY FOR HIS BACKGROUND READING HE AND I DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS FURTHER. HE, OBVIOUSLY, IS FEELING HIS WAY AND WANTS TO DO WHAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER WANTS, BUT APPEARS TO FAVOR THE FOLLOWING:

--TITLE. DEPUTY TO THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR DEFENSE MATTERS OR SOMETHING ANALAGOUS THERETO (AMBASSADOR BUNKER ADVISES THAT GENERAL BROWN USED THE TITLE "PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR" WHEN HE FIRST RAISED THE MATTER TWO WEEKS AGO, BUT AMBASSADOR BUNKER INDICATED THAT HE IS NOT WEDDED TO ANY SPECIFIC TITLE).

-- OFFICE LOCATION. HE APPEARS ATTRACTED TO THE IDEA OF HAVING TWO OFFICES, ONE HERE AND ONE IN THE PENTAGON (AMBASSADOR BUNKER FAVORS THIS AND WE CAN SHIFT INTERNALLY TO MAKE ROOM). THIS ARRANGEMENT, INCIDENTALLY, WOULD EASE OTHER PROBLEMS: HE WILL HAVE A PERMANENT SECRETARY THERE, ALREADY HAS PENTAGON PREFERRED PARKING AND CAN TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH BY DOD SEDAN.

-- DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. PARTICIPATE, AS DIRECTED BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER, IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE DEFENSE INTEREST; AVOID INTRUSION IN YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES (AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS SPOKEN TO DOLVIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF A DEFENSE LIAISON AND CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION ROLE, AND TO ME OF DOLVIN'S PARTICIPATING WITH YOU IN THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS). GENERAL DOLVIN AND I TALKED QUITE INFORMALLY YESTERDAY ABOUT A POSSIBLE "TWO-HATTED" ARRANGEMENT WITH HIS OPERATING WITH ONE HAT AS A MEMBER OF AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S STAFF, AND WITH A SECOND HAT OUT OF MR. CLEMENTS' OFFICE IN SOME ROLE VIS-A-VIS THE PCNWG.

-- UNIFORM AND RETIRED STATUS. REMAIN RETIRED AND SERVE
IN A "CONSULTANT" CAPACITY; WEAR UNIFORM "OCCASIONALLY."

5. AMBASSADOR BUNKER INTENDS TO DISCUSS THIS UPON YOUR
RETURN. KISSINGER

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